

House Resolution 468 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

### 2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff D. J. Connell served Cook County as the sheriff for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, during his years of faithful service, he worked diligently, above and beyond the  
5 call of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, due to his hard work and dedication, the people of Cook County live in a safe,  
7 secure environment; and

8 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County strongly believe that Sheriff D. J.  
9 Connell should be honored for his service to the community; and

10 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to recognize his years of service to Cook County and the State  
11 of Georgia.

### 12 **PART II**

13 WHEREAS, the veterans of service in the United States military have given of their time,  
14 energy, and sometimes their lives to secure the blessings of freedom for all the citizens of  
15 this great country; and

16 WHEREAS, the sacrifices these great men and women have made to protect our nation  
17 should never be taken for granted or allowed to fade into distant memory; and

18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a lasting tribute to memorialize the unselfish patriotism of  
19 these special men and women should be created to perpetuate the memory of their great  
20 sacrifices to protect our freedom.

**PART III**

WHEREAS, Fred DeLoach, Jr., was born on May 17, 1929, in Valdosta, Georgia, to Fred DeLoach, Sr., and Cobbie Pedrick DeLoach; and

WHEREAS, he attended Central Grammar, Valdosta Junior High, and Valdosta High School and graduated from Gordon Military High School in 1944; and

WHEREAS, he continued his education at the University of Georgia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Fred DeLoach, Jr., served as the chairman of the group that brought Gold Kist to Lowndes County; and

WHEREAS, he owned and operated DeLoach Hardware from 1956 to 1990 and also did some farming; and

WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners from 1976 to 1992, and during this time, he also served as president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, chairman of the Board of Community Affairs, and as a member of Governor Joe Frank Harris's Growth Strategies Commission; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Valdosta Country Club, the Elks Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Fred DeLoach, Jr., be honored for his many contributions to his state and community by having a road dedicated in his honor.

**PART IV**

WHEREAS, Charles Ray King was born in Waycross, Georgia, on March 27, 1949, the only son of Henry King, Jr., and Rosa Lee Turner King, and was a 1967 graduate of Ware County High School; and

WHEREAS, he lived in the Dixie Union area of Ware County where he worked on his father's farm; and

1 WHEREAS, he was drafted in 1969 and was sent to serve in Vietnam in 1970 where, on  
2 April 26, 1970, he was killed in action; and

3 WHEREAS, as a result of his gallantry and devotion to duty, he received the Bronze Star  
4 with an oak leaf cluster along with the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat  
5 Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and  
6 the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

7 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy toward  
8 the betterment of his community, state, and nation; and

9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
10 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his  
11 nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
13 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that the  
14 bridge over the Satilla River on State Route 4/U. S. Route 1 in Ware County should be  
15 named in his honor.

16 **PART V**

17 WHEREAS, Ottis L. Stonecypher, Sr., was born on February 8, 1930, at a private residence  
18 in Habersham County; he was the second of four children in his family; and

19 WHEREAS, he was raised on a farm in the Clarkesville-Mount Airy area and attended the  
20 Hills Switch School until he began his working life; and

21 WHEREAS, he had been married to Treelis Ward Stonecypher for almost 30 years at the  
22 time of his death and he had three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, he was killed in an automobile accident on May 13, 2002, while returning from  
25 a cattle sale; and

26 WHEREAS, Stonecypher's professional life was more than full, and he was known as many  
27 things to many people; he was a businessman, a farmer, a mentor, an advisor, a leader, a  
28 family man, and a friend; and

1 WHEREAS, at one point, he owned seven different Tastee-Freeze franchises all over  
2 Northeast Georgia; eventually he withdrew from the franchises and maintained two  
3 restaurants on his own, named Stoney's Family Restaurant, located in Clarkesville and  
4 Cleveland, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Stoney was also an avid cattle farmer, averaging between 500 and 600 head of  
6 cattle at any given time, and particularly enjoyed this aspect of his life, joining several boards  
7 and committees related to farming; he was a board member with North Georgia Cattlemen's  
8 Association as well as the state-wide Georgia Cattlemen's Association, and he was on the  
9 Georgia Beef Board; and

10 WHEREAS, he won many awards during his life and after his death; the livestock pavilion  
11 at the Habersham County Fairgrounds was renamed and dedicated to Ottis Stonecypher, Sr.,  
12 for his lifelong commitment to farming and raising cattle; the Habersham County Farm  
13 Bureau building was renamed Ottis Stonecypher, Sr. Building, and they awarded him the  
14 Outstanding Dedication and Leadership Award; the Georgia Farm Bureau honored  
15 Stonecypher with the Lifelong Commitment Award; he also received the Georgia and  
16 Habersham County Farm Bureau Community Leader Award and the Upper Chattahoochee  
17 Farm Family of the Year Award; and

18 WHEREAS, he was always very community-minded, staying involved in most all aspects  
19 of the betterment of Habersham County life; he was chairman of the board at Habersham  
20 County Medical Center, president of Habersham County Farm Bureau, and sat on its board;  
21 and he was also a board member of Georgia Farm Bureau and Community Bank and Trust;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Stonecypher was in the Charter Class of Leadership Habersham and was a  
24 member of the Mountaineer Shrine Club and Yaarab Temple; he was involved in many  
25 aspects of North Georgia community life and was well respected in all he did; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a Korean War Veteran and is buried in the VFW Cemetery in Demorest,  
27 Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, everyone Stonecypher knew, and those who knew him, respected and admired  
29 him as a determined, hard worker and a self-made man; a person would be hard-pressed to  
30 find someone that did not like Stoney, as he would help anyone in any way he could,  
31 throughout his life; his legacy is one of dedication and hard work, compassion and

generosity; he will be remembered as one of Northeast Georgia's finest citizens, and is greatly missed.

### PART VI

WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael C. Hardegree was recently killed in a tragic accident while serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a native of Villa Rica, Georgia, where he grew up loving music and golf and graduated from Villa Rica High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, he carried on a family tradition of military service by becoming an army paratrooper, serving with valor and distinction during two tours of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, this noble young soldier served with selfless patriotism and brought great honor to himself, his family, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hardegree is survived by his parents, Stan and Cindy Hardegree of Villa Rica, and his sister, Beth Shaw of Fort Monroe, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to this brave warrior.

### PART VII

WHEREAS, Edwin Hamilton was a long-time resident of Emerson, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he served his country in the Navy during Word War II; and

WHEREAS, he managed the Colonial Food Store in Cartersville, Georgia, for many years; and

WHEREAS, he cooperated in allowing the acquisition of his homeplace for the construction of this road and bridge, even though he was displaced at a time in his life when relocating was very difficult for him and his wife; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Hamilton passed away in 2007 at the age of 86.

**PART VIII**

WHEREAS, Reverend George W. Nealy was born on October 15, 1929, and died on December 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, he spent many years of his life fighting for civil rights and, most notably for Webster County, Georgia, was involved in bringing about legal action that resulted in the formation of a multimember county commission in 1990 that guaranteed African American representation on the governing body of the county; and

WHEREAS, without Reverend Nealy's invaluable contributions, Webster County would not have achieved the level of interracial cooperation in governmental affairs that exists today.

**PART IX**

WHEREAS, Cliff Shannon was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on September 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Cliff, who was born on December 1, 1956, served for nearly 30 years as a dedicated member of the Preston/Webster County Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, his contribution and service to his community will always be remembered and his death has left a void that is yet to be filled.

**PART X**

WHEREAS, Glenn E. Taylor was born in Paulding County in 1922 and was raised within a 60 mile radius of his birthplace; and

WHEREAS, prior to his passing on May 1, 2006, he was a prominent citizen of Bartow County and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he was a well respected and successful businessman, having established several enterprises, including the Bankhead Welding Service, Bankhead Manufacturing Group, Inc., and Bankhead Railway Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Glenn E. Taylor was also well known for his support of many charitable and benevolent organizations and he often opened his home and farm to host a variety of charitable and worthwhile events, such as the Cartersville-Bartow County annual picnic and the Euharlee Farmers Barbeque; and

1 WHEREAS, he also set an example of unselfish public service while serving as past  
2 chairman and board member for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for 23 years;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, he had a deep love and respect for the land he farmed along SR 113 in Bartow  
5 County, and many prominent Georgians attended gatherings on his farm; and

6 WHEREAS, his most notable characteristic was his gentle nature and the kindness that he  
7 displayed in all aspects of his life; it can truly be said that to have known him was to have  
8 known a Southern Christian gentleman; and

9 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a road be dedicated as a lasting monument to his  
10 contributions to the people of Bartow County and the State of Georgia.

## 11 **PART XI**

12 WHEREAS, Trey Bartlett was a member in the United States Armed Forces, and he was  
13 serving his country in Iraq on July 15, 2007, when he lost his life at the young age of 25; and

14 WHEREAS, Trey returned to military duty in Iraq after coming home at the time of his  
15 father's death; out of his dedication to serve our great country during this time of conflict,  
16 he chose to return to duty at a time when he could have been honorably discharged, but he  
17 would not have it any other way; and

18 WHEREAS, Benjamin Blake Bartlett, Sr., Trey's father, passed away on April 13, 2007, at  
19 the age of 63; and

20 WHEREAS, Anna Ruth Lee Bartlett (Ann), Trey's mother, passed away on May 13, 1991,  
21 at the age of 47, when Trey was only nine years old; and

22 WHEREAS, Trey's only sibling, his sister, Lura Lee Bartlett, passed away on  
23 September 23, 1997, at the age of 31; and

24 WHEREAS, prior to enlisting in the military, Trey resided in Talbot County, Georgia, with  
25 his father on the family homestead that is located on SR 41 between Woodland and  
26 Manchester, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this young soldier have a road dedicated in his honor to  
2 serve as a lasting tribute of his service to his state and his country.

3 **PART XII**

4 WHEREAS, Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows was born December 8, 1926, in Meriwether  
5 County, Georgia; he was the son of James Alvin and Mozelle Wise Meadows; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Manchester, Georgia, and retired after a successful  
7 career as the president of the Meadows Companies, which included Meadows Motors, Inc.,  
8 Meadows Ford, Inc., Meadows Insurance Agency, Smith-Steele Meadows Funeral Home,  
9 and Meadows Farms; and

10 WHEREAS, for most of his life, Nookie took an active interest in his community and its  
11 citizens, relentlessly volunteering his time and energy so that others might experience a better  
12 quality of life, and he built a viable business network that provided local employment and  
13 stimulated economic growth that benefited the lives of many people throughout the  
14 community and state; and

15 WHEREAS, he served as Representative of House District 91 from 1987 until 1992; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Georgia  
17 State University Foundation Fund, and the Columbus Bank and Trust Advisory Board; a past  
18 president of the Manchester Industrial Corporation; a member of the Meriwether County  
19 Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Kiwanis Club, where he held perfect  
20 attendance for 43 years; a member of the committee to save the Georgia Warm Springs  
21 Foundation, now the RWSIR; chairman and chairman emeritus of the Roosevelt Warm  
22 Springs Rehabilitation Fund from 1986 to 1992; a past president of the Roosevelt Warm  
23 Springs Development Fund; a past president of the Manchester Jaycees; a member of the  
24 Stephens Lodge #586 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the AL Sihah Shrine Temple, the  
25 Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Pontiac Masters; a recipient  
26 of the Chevrolet Supremacy for over 22 years, the Honorary State Trooper award, the Flying  
27 Colonel award, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, and the  
28 James T. Evans Rotary Award for Community Service; a member of the Manchester School  
29 Board, the Advisory Board of the Bank of Upson, and the Georgia Baptist Meriwether  
30 Hospital and Nursing Home Board; and he spearheaded the relocation of Horizon Medical  
31 to Manchester; and



1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to celebrate the life of this Georgian and to  
2 recognize his great contributions to this state and to his community by dedicating the  
3 Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows Memorial Highway in his memory.

4 **PART XIII**

5 WHEREAS, Franklin Lee Dixon passed away on September 14, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Rabun County Department of Education to honor Franklin  
7 Lee Dixon for his distinguished service to the citizens of Clayton and Rabun County; and

8 WHEREAS, Franklin Lee Dixon was born in Fannin County, Georgia, and was the son of  
9 the late Bruce Burrell Dixon and Laura Freeman Dixon; and

10 WHEREAS, Franklin Lee Dixon is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann Simmons Dixon; a son,  
11 Adam Dixon, and his wife, Jodi, of Clayton, Georgia; and three daughters, Dawn Shaw and  
12 her husband, Lee, of Flowery Branch, Georgia, Tara York and her husband, Bryne, of Tiger,  
13 Georgia, and Chantel Thompson and her husband, Robin, of Clayton, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, also surviving is one brother, Benjamin Bruce Dixon, of Dawsonville, Georgia,  
15 and ten grandchildren, Daniel C. Ramey, Jared Shaw, Connor Shaw, Anna Kate Shaw,  
16 O'Neil York, MacKenzie York, Keldon Dixon, Clayton Hunter Dixon, Abby Thompson, and  
17 Marley Thompson; and

18 WHEREAS, Franklin Lee Dixon was the Transportation Director for the Rabun County  
19 School System, and for 30 years, he drove Rabun County students to school and for many  
20 extracurricular activities and was active in the Athletic Booster Club where he filmed  
21 football games for many years, and he always took pride in all of the children of Rabun  
22 County, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Franklin Lee Dixon took a special interest in caring for and assisting children  
24 with learning disabilities and never failed to conscientiously accept every driving assignment  
25 requested of him; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church, a Master Mason and member  
27 of Blue Mountain Lodge #38, and a veteran of the United States Army Reserve; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only right that this man's fruitful life be celebrated as he makes his home  
2 in heaven.

#### 3 **PART XIV**

4 WHEREAS, Michael R. Fortson was a native son of Rabun County who graduated from  
5 Rabun County High School in 1983 and immediately went to work for the City of Clayton  
6 Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, he later was accepted into the Georgia State Patrol where he served with  
8 distinction from 1986 until his untimely death on July 19, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael R. Fortson was a great asset to the community, a devoted husband and  
10 father, a caring brother, and a loving son to his parents, Willie and Hattie; and

11 WHEREAS, it is the desire of Rabun County to honor Michael R. Fortson for his  
12 distinguished service to the citizens of Clayton, Rabun County, and the State of Georgia.

#### 13 **PART XV**

14 WHEREAS, William "Billy" Harvey Jewell, Sr., was born on July 30, 1930, to William  
15 Riley Jewell and Johnnie Reva Newburn and spent the majority of his life living in  
16 Willacoochee, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jewell served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952 and was a  
18 decorated war veteran of the Korean War having been awarded two Bronze Stars, the Korean  
19 Service Medal, and the Infantryman's Badge for his patriotism and courage; and

20 WHEREAS, during the early 1970's, Mr. Jewell became a police officer in Willacoochee and  
21 ultimately not only became Willacoochee's police chief, but also chief of police in Pearson,  
22 Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Jewell was well respected and loved in his community and dedicated his  
24 life to ensuring that all in his community were safe; and while the number of his selfless  
25 deeds are countless, his heroism in saving the life of a child while camping in particularity  
26 shall always be remembered; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Jewell lived his life as an example to all and taught many lessons in life,  
2 not only to his family, but to all in his community who had the pleasure of knowing him; he  
3 was a man of integrity and love that will not soon be forgotten.

#### 4 **PART XVI**

5 WHEREAS, the veterans of service in the United States military have given of their time,  
6 energy, and sometimes their lives to secure the blessings of freedom for all the citizens of  
7 this great country; and

8 WHEREAS, the sacrifices these great men and women have made to protect our nation  
9 should never be taken for granted or allowed to fade into distant memory; and

10 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a lasting tribute to memorialize the unselfish patriotism of  
11 these special men and women should be created to perpetuate the memory of their great  
12 sacrifices to protect our freedom.

#### 13 **PART XVII**

14 WHEREAS, Carl Kelly began his military career by joining the Jackson National Guard,  
15 then called the Jackson Rifles, while he was still in his teens; and

16 WHEREAS, when WWII started, the Jackson National Guard was called upon to train for  
17 the war in Europe and Carl Kelly was promoted to 1st Sergeant before he left for Ireland to  
18 wait for the invasion at Normandy; and

19 WHEREAS, in St-Lo, France, he was wounded in action and awarded the first of his two  
20 bronze stars for gallantry and a Purple Heart; and

21 WHEREAS, when the Korean Conflict began, Sgt. Kelly was immediately sent to Korea  
22 where he was awarded a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant after distinguishing  
23 himself as a leader of men; and

24 WHEREAS, after recuperating from a wound, he returned to battle and soon after was  
25 involved in a battle to save an artillery unit that had been ambushed; Lt. Kelly organized the  
26 artillerymen into fighting groups and with complete disregard for his safety, led attack after  
27 attack on the enemy forces; and

1 WHEREAS, his conspicuous actions served to center the enemy fire on himself, and finally  
2 he was struck by enemy fire and fell mortally wounded; and

3 WHEREAS, before he died he told a friend to tell his wife and children that he loved them  
4 very much and would see them in Heaven someday; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly was in the military service for 11 years and received three Purple  
6 Hearts, three Bronze Stars, and a Silver Star, as well as many other service medals.

## 7 **PART XVIII**

8 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie was born a slave on Mulberry Grove Plantation on  
9 Christmas Day, 1863; and

10 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie was the last child born into slavery on Mulberry Grove  
11 Plantation; and

12 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie lived most of his life on the Plantation as a renowned  
13 Savannah River market hunter; and

14 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie's expertise as a market hunter is documented in a book  
15 entitled *Ward Allen, Savannah River Market Hunter* by John Eugene Cay, Jr., copyright  
16 1958; and

17 WHEREAS, Mulberry Grove Plantation was where President George Washington stayed  
18 during his only visits to Georgia in the 1790's as the guest of Catherine Greene, the widow  
19 of the Revolutionary War hero, General Nathaniel Greene; and

20 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie's grave is located outside Port Wentworth, Georgia, in  
21 historic Cherokee Hill Cemetery; and

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the life of Christmas Moultrie be memorialized by  
23 dedicating an interchange in his honor.

## 24 **PART XIX**

25 WHEREAS, portions of U.S. Highways 129, 78, and 278 and State Routes 47, 77, and 22  
26 pass through historically significant regions of this state, especially with regard to Georgians  
27 who were leaders in the American Civil War; and

1 WHEREAS, recognizing and promoting the historical significance of this region could  
2 promote economic development through tourism.

3 **PART XX**

4 WHEREAS, during the summer of 1864, six hundred Federal officers, prisoners of war, were  
5 placed in a residential area of Charleston, South Carolina, which was being shelled by  
6 Federal guns, night and day, since August of 1863; and

7 WHEREAS, in retaliation for erroneously alleged abuse of these Federal prisoners by  
8 Confederate authorities, on August 25, 1864, six hundred Confederate prisoners of war were  
9 selected from those confined at Fort Delaware to be used as human targets; and

10 WHEREAS, the six hundred Confederate prisoners were placed in a pine-wood stockade  
11 immediately in front of a military target, Battery Wagner, occupied by Federal artillery; and

12 WHEREAS, after 45 days of exposure to Confederate fire, there being no casualties, the  
13 Federal authorities decided to move the Confederates to Fort Pulaski in Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, while at Fort Pulaski, the remnant of the six hundred who had been determined  
15 to be physically able to be moved were fed wormy corn meal, pickles, and limited amounts  
16 of water. The men were intentionally starved. Clothing and blankets were withheld as well  
17 as firewood for warmth. It was one of the coldest winters in Georgia in many years; and

18 WHEREAS, the Confederates were consistently promised "fair" treatment if they would sign  
19 the oath of allegiance to the United States. These men had sworn an oath of allegiance to the  
20 Confederate States of America, their country, and the war was still being waged. They  
21 endured abuse that is hard to imagine; and

22 WHEREAS, upon completion of the War Between the States and the release of what was left  
23 of the six hundred by July 24, 1865, their story was being told by survivors and witnesses.  
24 They became known as "The Immortal Six Hundred" for their courage, strength, and fidelity  
25 to their country in the face of brutal retaliation for an alleged abuse that did not exist; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1876, the *Southern Historical Society Papers* contained the following  
27 statement by Captain George W. Nelson of the Hanover Artillery of Virginia in honor of The  
28 Immortal Six Hundred:

1 "The consequence of all this was that the prisoners died like sheep. Whatever the  
2 immediate cause of their death, that cause was induced by starvation, and over the  
3 dead bodies of nine-tenths of those brave, true men there can be given but one true  
4 verdict: 'Death by starvation.'"

5 **PART XXI**

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 41 in Cook County from mile marker 0 to mile marker 10  
8 is dedicated as the Sheriff D. J. Connell Memorial Highway.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 7 in Lowndes County and the City of  
10 Valdosta which was formerly known as Inner Perimeter Road and which runs from the  
11 intersection of said route with North Valdosta Road, thence generally eastward, thence  
12 generally southward, and thence generally southwestward to the intersection of said route  
13 with Madison Highway is dedicated as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 94 from Perimeter Road in Lowndes  
15 County, Georgia, to the Echols County line is dedicated as the Fred DeLoach, Jr. Highway.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over the Satilla River on State Route 4/U. S.  
17 Route 1 in Ware County is dedicated as the Charles Ray King Memorial Bridge.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of SR 197 from Mt. Airy to its intersection  
19 with SR 17, in Habersham County, be dedicated as the Ottis L. Stonecypher, Sr. Memorial  
20 Highway.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 101 from the Carroll-Paulding County  
22 line to the intersection with Industrial Boulevard, in Carroll County, Georgia, be dedicated  
23 as the Sergeant Michael C. Hardegree Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the new bridge on  
25 SR 296 at SR 113, in Bartow County, as the Edwin Price Hamilton Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on SR 41 over Kinchafoonee Creek, in  
27 Webster County, be dedicated as the Reverend George W. Nealy Memorial Bridge in his  
28 honor.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the bridge on SR 153  
2 over Lanahassee Creek, in Webster County, as the Cliff Shannon Memorial Bridge in honor  
3 of his service to his community.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 113 from the Polk County line to Red  
5 Top Mountain Road at I-75, in Bartow County, be named the Glenn E. Taylor Memorial  
6 Parkway.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 41 from the northern city limits of  
8 Woodland, Georgia, to the southern city limits of Manchester, Georgia, in Talbot County be  
9 dedicated as the SFC Benjamin "Trey" Blake Bartlett Jr. Memorial Highway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 85 East between Manchester and  
11 Woodbury in Meriwether County, Georgia, be dedicated as the Leonard R. "Nookie"  
12 Meadows Memorial Highway.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on US 441 near Rabun County High School  
14 in Rabun County be dedicated as the Lee Dixon Memorial Bridge in memory of his service  
15 to the people of Rabun County and the State of Georgia.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 15/US 441 within the Clayton City  
17 limits in Rabun County be dedicated as the Trooper Michael R. Fortson Memorial Highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the westbound lane of the easternmost bridge crossing  
19 the Alapaha River on Highway 82 in Atkinson County be dedicated as the Corporal William  
20 "Billy" Harvey Jewell, Sr. Bridge in his honor.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 243 between SR 57 at the  
22 Twiggs-Wilkinson County line and SR 24 in Baldwin County be dedicated as the Veterans  
23 Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 16 East from the railroad tracks to the  
25 Jackson city limits, in Butts County, is dedicated as the Lt. Carl Kelly Memorial Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life of Christmas  
27 Moultrie by dedicating the entire north and south interchange at I-95 and SR 21 in Port  
28 Wentworth, Georgia, as the Christmas Moultrie Interchange.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that U.S. 129 from Gainesville to Jefferson to Athens; U.S.  
2 78 from Athens to Lexington to Washington; SR 47 from Washington to Crawfordville; SR  
3 77 from Lexington to Union Point; U.S. 278 from Union Point to Crawfordville; and SR 22  
4 from Lexington to Philomath to Crawfordville to Sparta to Milledgeville are dedicated as the  
5 Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
7 directed to erect and maintain 28 signs identifying the Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail,  
8 dispersed throughout the course of the trail, with not less than two signs in each county  
9 through which the trail or a portion thereof passes.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of the road at the intersection of US 80 and  
11 County Road 228 (Fort Pulaski Road) for one-half mile in each direction on US 80 be  
12 dedicated as The Immortal Six Hundred Memorial Highway.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
14 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
15 resolution.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of  
18 Transportation, to the family of Sheriff D. J. Connell, to Fred DeLoach, Jr., to the family of  
19 Charles Ray King, to the family of Ottis L. Stonecypher, Sr., to the family of Sergeant  
20 Michael C. Hardegree, to the family of Edwin Price Hamilton, to the family of Reverend  
21 George W. Nealy, to the family of Cliff Shannon, to the family of Glenn E. Taylor, to the  
22 family of Benjamin Blake Bartlett, Jr., to the family of Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows, to  
23 the family of Lee Dixon, to Kathleen Fortson, to Willie and Hattie Fortson, to the family of  
24 Mr. William "Billy" Harvey Jewell, Sr., to the Boards of Commissioners of Wilkinson and  
25 Baldwin counties, to the family of Lt. Carl Kelly, and to the North Port Wentworth Citizens  
26 Council.



## Senate Resolution 1055

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th and Tate of the 38th

**AS PASSED****A RESOLUTION**

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Joel A. Katz is considered to be a definitive leader in the field of entertainment  
4 law; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 30 years ago, he founded Katz, Smith & Cohen, which became one  
6 of the nation's largest entertainment law firms; and

7 WHEREAS, his earliest clients included James Brown and a then unknown Willie Nelson  
8 and the client roster grew to include B.B. King, George Strait, Jimmy Buffet, Sheryl Crow,  
9 Sammy Hagar, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, James Taylor, Josh Groban, and Brooks and  
10 Dunn; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1998, he merged his firm with the international law firm Greenberg Traurig  
12 and took on the position of co-managing shareholder of the Atlanta office; and

13 WHEREAS, Katz also serves as a music industry representative for the State of Georgia  
14 Film, Video, and Music Advisory Commission, appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1995, he was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame as the first and  
16 only attorney ever to receive that honor; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2002, he received the "Heroes Award" from the Atlanta chapter of The  
18 Recording Academy and *Georgia Trend* magazine named him as one of the 100 most  
19 influential Georgians; and

20 WHEREAS, Katz received his law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1969 and in  
21 1999, the newly constructed law library was named in his honor.

**PART II**

WHEREAS, Jere C. Ayers, a lifelong resident of Madison County, died on May 13, 2005, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, "Mr. Jere," as he was known to all, was a uniquely dedicated and valued citizen of Madison County whose contributions to the public good and civic life of the county are too numerous to list in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Jere's accomplishments are his service in the United States Navy during World War II; his lifelong work in journalism, beginning with his employment as a youth at *The Comer News*, which his parents purchased in 1914 and of which he became owner and publisher in 1945, and his later service as the owner and publisher of Madison County Newspapers, Inc., *The Comer News*, and the *Danielsville Monitor*; his dedication to the Meadow Baptist Church where he served over 50 years as a deacon and 23 years as Sunday school director; his over 50 years of service as a Mason, Scottish Rite and York Rite; his 67 years with the Woodsmen of the World; his charter membership in the Madison County Rotary Club; his membership in the American Legion since World War II; his charter membership in the Comer Lions Club which honored him with its 50 Year Award; his service as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in the 1950's; being the recipient of the 50 Year Medallion from the Georgia Press Association for 50 years of service to the newspaper industry; his service as a board member of the Madison County Library until his retirement; and his critical role in the acquisition of the Watson Mill Bridge State Park land; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jere will be greatly missed by the citizens of Madison County for the vital role that he played in the county and for his stellar example of public service and commitment; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
2 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that a  
3 lasting memorial should be named in his honor.

### 4 **PART III**

5 WHEREAS, the American Camellia Society has been in existence for over 60 years and is  
6 recognized as the leading camellia organization in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the Executive Director, Sandra Byrd, the staff, and the National Board of the  
8 American Camellia Society are proud of the contributions of all who have given of their time  
9 and support to the facility since its establishment in 1968 through a generous gift of 160 acres  
10 by the late Dr. Dave Strother; and

11 WHEREAS, the purposes of this nonprofit corporation, as stated in its articles of  
12 incorporation, are to promote interest in the genus *Camellia L.*, scientific research in its  
13 culture, standardization of its varietal names, certification of new varieties, dissemination of  
14 information concerning the above, creation of a foundation to further these purposes, and  
15 promotion of the organization and affiliation of local Camellia Societies in the United States;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the mission of the American Camellia Society is to be a self-sufficient, national  
18 membership society committed to continually building its membership through offering  
19 world-class products, leading in camellia research and education, and being supported by  
20 efficient and effective organizational systems; and

21 WHEREAS, the American Camellia Society also owns and maintains a self-sufficient, public  
22 garden at Massee Lane in Fort Valley, Georgia, serving camellia lovers nationally as well as  
23 residents of the region and tourists; and

24 WHEREAS, during its 40 years of existence at Massee Lane Gardens, the society has  
25 provided a public garden, which has enriched the lives of countless Georgians and tourists  
26 who have visited the grounds in Peach County.

### 27 **PART IV**

28 WHEREAS, the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Nevada, and Arizona have  
29 already dedicated the portions of US 80 within their borders in honor of the veterans of the  
30 Korean War; and

WHEREAS, US 80 runs from Columbus to Savannah, spanning the entire state of Georgia;  
and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of men and women served in the Korean War and over  
34,000 died and over 100,000 were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, despite the bitter cold and torturous terrain, these young Americans were the  
first to stand up against the threat of Communism; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of Georgia bravely fought in the Korean War,  
proudly serving their country as members of the armed forces, with many suffering injury  
and loss of life and limb as a result of their service; and

WHEREAS, Georgia takes great pride in these brave and honorable men and women who  
demonstrated their love for this country through their service; and

WHEREAS, the many Georgia veterans who served in the armed forces of this nation during  
the Korean War distinguished themselves and contributed substantially to this state in other  
ways as well; and

WHEREAS, this tribute to Georgia's Korean War veterans is long overdue and it is only  
fitting that this state honor them with this lasting memorial.

## PART V

WHEREAS, Justice Clarence Thomas was born June 23, 1948, in Pin Point, Georgia, an  
enclave of 500 inhabitants south of Savannah on the Moon River. Named after the plantation  
that once stood on the land, Pin Point was divided up after the Civil War and given to the  
former slaves. It is easy to miss the tiny community where Clarence Thomas once lived;  
however, there is a sign at the turnoff noting that he was born there; and

WHEREAS, Justice Thomas was the second child and first son of Leola Williams and M. C.  
Thomas. His father abandoned the family when Thomas was two. After the wooden house  
they lived in burned down and their mother remarried, Thomas and his brother went to live  
with their grandfather, Myers Anderson, in Savannah; and

WHEREAS, Anderson had a profound influence on Thomas's upbringing and character. In  
a time when African Americans were forced to the backs of buses, banned from restaurants,

1 and denied employment opportunities, Anderson decided the only way to beat racism was  
2 to work for himself. As a result, he was able to provide his grandsons with a comfortable  
3 home, including things most people take for granted, such as three meals a day and indoor  
4 plumbing; and

5 WHEREAS, Anderson admonished his grandsons to work hard in school. After school,  
6 Thomas and his brother worked for their grandfather making fuel deliveries. Thomas often  
7 recalls how his grandparents had impressed on him that "school, discipline, hard work and  
8 'right-from-wrong' were of the highest priority"; and

9 WHEREAS, Justice Thomas married Virginia Lamp, May 30, 1987, and they had one child,  
10 Jamal Adeen; and

11 WHEREAS, after high school, he attended Conception Seminary, 1967-1968; Holy Cross  
12 College, A.B. cum laude, Alpha Sigma Nu, Purple Key; and Yale Law School, J.D., 1974;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, he was nominated by President Bush as Associate Justice of the United States  
15 Supreme Court and took oath of office October 23, 1991; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Justice Clarence Thomas, who rose from humble  
17 beginnings through hard work and discipline, be honored for his great achievements.

## 18 **PART VI**

19 WHEREAS, PFC Robert Adrian Worthington, 19, of Jackson, Georgia, was assigned to the  
20 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade  
21 Combat Team), based in Fort Lewis, Washington; and

22 WHEREAS, he died on May 22, 2007, in Taji, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an  
23 improvised explosive device detonated near his unit; and

24 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, in the spirit of the American patriot, confronted the  
25 dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service with steadfast resolve, making us as  
26 a nation truly proud; and

1 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed  
2 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for  
3 this nation and other peoples of the world.

4 **PART VII**

5 WHEREAS, William Harvey Jewell, Sr., served in the United States Army and was a combat  
6 veteran of the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, William Harvey Jewell, Sr., was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Korean  
8 Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service in Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, following the Korean war, he returned to this area and served as Chief of Police  
10 in Willacoochee and Pearson before his passing in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor William Harvey Jewell, Sr., for his service  
12 to the United States of America and the State of Georgia by the naming of a lasting memorial  
13 in honor and memory of his service.

14 **PART VIII**

15 WHEREAS, Shellie W. Parrish was born in Berrien County, married Lena Taylor of Berrien  
16 County, raised his family in Berrien County, and lived his entire life in Berrien County until  
17 his passing on June 20, 1970; and

18 WHEREAS, as a young farmer he employed good business practices and hard work to  
19 become one of the largest farmers in Berrien County; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a very successful farmer, but he was humble and charitable; and

21 WHEREAS, although he was encouraged by friends and neighbors, he never sought public  
22 office, but he was always a leader and a pillar of his community; and

23 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Shellie W. Parrish for his exemplary life  
24 and service as a husband, father, and citizen of Berrien County with the naming of the SR 37  
25 bridge on the Willacoochee River in his memory.

**PART IX**

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucius Murphy Jacobs has been an unselfish citizen of Berrien County with an unwavering commitment to helping others in both Berrien and Atkinson counties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jacobs has faithfully served the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia for 50 years, having served as Worshipful Master three times in his local lodge and served in each position of leadership in that lodge at least once; and

WHEREAS, as a Shriner, he is known throughout his community by the annual orange and grapefruit fund raiser to benefit the Shrine Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department in his community and participated in numerous community service projects providing leadership and unselfish service to many good causes; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Mr. Lucius Murphy Jacobs for his exemplary life and service as an unselfish and caring citizen of Berrien County by the naming of the US 82/SR 520 bridge on the Willacoochee River in his honor.

**PART X**

WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber served in the Third Chemical Battalion assigned to the Third Army, United States Army, from October 17, 1940, until March 26, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber served as a medical technician and served in the Sicilian campaign, the Italian campaign, and in France and Germany; and

WHEREAS, he was wounded on January 9, 1944, with a compound fracture in his right leg; and

WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the European African Medal, and the Eastern Theatre Medal; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Virgil T. Barber for his service to the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and Berrien County with the naming of the SR 125 bridge on the Willacoochee River in honor of his service.

**PART XI**

WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer served in the United States Navy and was assigned to the USS *Rich*, a destroyer escort during the Normandy invasion in June 1944; and

WHEREAS, the USS *Rich* hit three German mines off the Normandy coast two days after the Normandy invasion; and

WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer was listed among the missing, and his body was never recovered; and

WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Area Campaign Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Hubert F. Comer for his service and ultimate sacrifice in that service to the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and Berrien County by the naming of the SR 37 bridge on Cat Creek in honor and memory of his service and sacrifice.

**PART XII**

WHEREAS, William J. Livsey was born June 8, 1931, at Clarkston, Georgia, where he attended the public schools and there distinguished himself in scholastics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Clarkston High School he attended North Georgia College where he further excelled scholastically and athletically, and he completed the Reserve Officer Training Corps curriculum, graduating in June 1952, whereupon he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, he served as a platoon leader in the Korean War, earning the Silver Star for gallantry in action; and

WHEREAS, he continued to distinguish himself in his military career seeing further combat duty in Viet Nam as Commander of an infantry battalion; rising through every level of command position while serving in the United States and in four subsequent overseas tours, and culminating his career with assignment as Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Commander in Chief, Combined Forces Command/Commander, United States Forces, Korea/Commanding General, Eighth United States Army; and



WHEREAS, his military education included completion of the Army's Command and General Staff College (where he was first in his class), the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, awards and decorations received by him also include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (with two Oak Leaf Clusters); and

WHEREAS, General Livsey retired in 1987 after attaining the rank of four-star General, one of only four Georgians ever to be so recognized by the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement General Livsey served the people of our state as a member of the Board of Trustees of North Georgia College and State University, his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career of service around the world, General Livsey continually maintained his home in our State of Georgia, residing today at his residence in Fayette County with his wife Bena Sue Burns Livsey, originally of East Point; and

WHEREAS, General Livsey is credited with being among the first, if not the first, to remind us that "Freedom is not Free"; and

WHEREAS, the life of unselfish service of General William J. Livsey has been dedicated to securing and preserving the blessing of freedom to the people of the United States of America, bringing honor and pride to his native State of Georgia.

### **PART XIII**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was born on March 17, 1919, in Taylor County, Georgia to William and Jewell Callahan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan graduated from Butler High School and continued his education at Georgia Southwestern College and the University of Georgia Cotton Classification School; and

1 WHEREAS, he was drafted in 1941, entered the Army, and was assigned to U.S. Army Air  
2 Corps, where he was trained as an air traffic controller and stationed at Pacos Army Air Field  
3 in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, as World War II came to a close Sergeant Callahan was shipped to Madison,  
5 Wisconsin to be discharged, and as was the custom there, while waiting for their official  
6 discharge soldiers were permitted to go into town each day and earn extra income; on one  
7 such day Sergeant Callahan took a construction job and while more than 13 floors up, an act  
8 of God caused a gust of wind that blew a sheet of plywood into Sergeant Callahan causing  
9 him to fall over the edge of the building to his death; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was in uniform and still a soldier in the Army at the time of  
11 his accident, and he is believed to be the only fatal casualty in south Taylor County during  
12 World War II.

#### 13 **PART XIV**

14 WHEREAS, Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows was born December 8, 1926, in Meriwether  
15 County, Georgia; he was the son of James Alvin and Mozelle Wise Meadows; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Manchester, Georgia, and retired after a successful  
17 career as the president of the Meadows Companies, which included Meadows Motors, Inc.,  
18 Meadows Ford, Inc., Meadows Insurance Agency, Smith-Steele Meadows Funeral Home,  
19 and Meadows Farms; and

20 WHEREAS, for most of his life, Nookie took an active interest in his community and its  
21 citizens, relentlessly volunteering his time and energy so that others might experience a better  
22 quality of life, and he built a viable business network that provided local employment and  
23 stimulated economic growth that benefited the lives of many people throughout the  
24 community and state; and

25 WHEREAS, he served as Representative of House District 91 from 1987 until 1992; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Georgia  
27 State University Foundation Fund, and the Columbus Bank and Trust Advisory Board; a past  
28 president of the Manchester Industrial Corporation; a member of the Meriwether County  
29 Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Kiwanis Club, where he held perfect  
30 attendance for 43 years; a member of the committee to save the Georgia Warm Springs

1 Foundation, now the RWSIR; chairman and chairman emeritus of the Roosevelt Warm  
2 Springs Rehabilitation Fund from 1986 to 1992; a past president of the Roosevelt Warm  
3 Springs Development Fund; a past president of the Manchester Jaycees; a member of the  
4 Stephens Lodge #586 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the AL Sihah Shrine Temple, the  
5 Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Pontiac Masters; a recipient  
6 of the Chevrolet Supremacy for over 22 years, the Honorary State Trooper award, the Flying  
7 Colonel award, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, and the  
8 James T. Evans Rotary Award for Community Service; a member of the Manchester School  
9 Board, the Advisory Board of the Bank of Upson, and the Georgia Baptist Meriwether  
10 Hospital and Nursing Home Board; and he spearheaded the relocation of Horizon Medical  
11 to Manchester; and

12 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to celebrate the life of this Georgian and to  
13 recognize his great contributions to this state and to his community by dedicating the  
14 Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows Memorial Highway in his memory.

#### 15 **PART XV**

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Douglas Young served with the Georgia State Patrol from  
17 1985 until his death in 2006 at the age of 47; and

18 WHEREAS, he succumbed to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on I-95, in Glynn  
19 County, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he was responding to a call to assist another officer who was involved in a  
21 vehicle pursuit when the tragic accident occurred; and

22 WHEREAS, Corporal Young is survived by his wife, Martha; his daughters, Morgan and  
23 Mickey; his granddaughter, Mikale; and his grandson, Maguire; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting to honor Corporal Young's courageous service to  
25 the people of Georgia by dedicating an interchange on I-95 in his memory.

#### 26 **PART XVI**

27 WHEREAS, James Roy "Pop" Lewis will always be remembered by the citizens of Lincoln  
28 County for his many contributions to the community and to the world of bluegrass and  
29 gospel music; and

1 WHEREAS, he was born in Pickens, South Carolina, on September 22, 1905, and at the age  
2 of five years old, he moved to Lincoln County, Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, on October 25, 1925, at the age of 20, he eloped with the former Pauline  
4 Holloway with whom he had eight children; and

5 WHEREAS, through his leadership, The Lewis Family, also known as the "First Family of  
6 Bluegrass Gospel," moved from singing on front porches in the late 1940's to performing in  
7 such places as the Lincoln Center in New York City; the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville,  
8 Tennessee; and the Baird Auditorium at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family holds the record for the longest running gospel music show  
10 in America, airing for 38 years from 1954 to 1992 on WJBF in Augusta, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Pop Lewis received numerous awards including his induction into the Georgia  
12 Music Hall of Fame in 1992, his induction into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall  
13 of Fame in 2000, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Bluegrass  
14 Music Association in 2001, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from *SGN Scoops*  
15 *Magazine*; and

16 WHEREAS, on the sad day of March 24, 2004, at the age of 98, Mr. Lewis departed this life.

## 17 **PART XVII**

18 WHEREAS, PFC David G. Bryan was killed in action in Pleiku, Republic of South Vietnam,  
19 on June 11, 1966; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a soldier in Company C, Second Battalion of the 28th Infantry; and

21 WHEREAS, he is believed to be the first soldier from Lumpkin County, Georgia, killed in  
22 action in Vietnam; and

23 WHEREAS, he was born on January 5, 1946, and was raised along the portion of road now  
24 to be dedicated in his honor; and

25 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor the memory of this courageous young man who went  
26 to war to defend freedom and liberty for all Americans.

**PART XVIII**

WHEREAS, Bobby Staton was born in Rabun County, Georgia, and was raised in Clayton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he began his career with the Georgia State Patrol on July 7, 1968, and retired as a senior trooper on June 1, 2000, after 32 years of excellent service; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated trooper and a good and honest man; and

WHEREAS, Bobby was a master mason in Blue Ridge Lodge # 67 and was a member of the Blue Ridge First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was a wonderful father and husband and leaves behind his beautiful wife, Claudia Cannon Staton, and their two children, son Cole Staton and daughter Shannon Staton; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Staton passed away on July 2, 2002, from cancer; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting to dedicate a lasting memorial in honor of his life well lived and his tireless service to the people of Georgia.

**PART XIX**

WHEREAS, Cleon Baker McCranie was born on May 22, 1919, to his proud parents, George Flowers McCranie, Jr., and Margaret Ellen Baker McCranie; and

WHEREAS, he was married on March 4, 1950, to Alice Nell McCranie, and they had two children, Margaret (Peggy) Ann McCranie and James (Jim) Baker McCranie; and

WHEREAS, he attended school at Willacoochee Elementary and Willacoochee High School and furthered his education at Gordon Military College; and

WHEREAS, his business background included tree farming, turpentine farming, and working in a partnership with his brothers; and

WHEREAS, Cleon was inducted into the United States Army on April 15, 1942, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and served during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, he served as a Technician 5th Grade in the Headquarters Battery of the 563rd  
2 Field Artillery Battalion, and he was one of the first soldiers to cross the Rhine River and  
3 enter Germany; and

4 WHEREAS, Cleon told his son, Jim, that he once was the front man in a Jeep that led his  
5 battalion through a German mine field; he was under the command of General George S.  
6 Patton, and was ordered to "Just drive down that road until you get blown up"; and

7 WHEREAS, he received many citations during his service, including a WWII Victory  
8 Medal, the Bronze Star, the American Theater Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal,  
9 and a Purple Heart; and

10 WHEREAS, he received an Honorable Discharge on December 22, 1945, and returned to his  
11 home and family where he lived a full life until he passed away on March 23, 1977.

12 **PART XX**

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Shackelford is a native of Carroll County, Georgia, where he  
14 attended the public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Berry College and  
16 went on to graduate work at the University of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1991, he was named by the State Transportation Board as the Commissioner  
18 of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

19  
20 WHEREAS, as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, he played an  
21 important role in the transportation, well-being, and quality of life of all Georgians; and

22 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Georgia Department of Transportation completed the  
23 Commuter Rail Study in 1995 and the Intercity Rail Study in 1997; and he preserved  
24 essential freight rail corridors by acquiring ten rail lines totaling 281 miles and rehabilitating  
25 12 rail lines totaling 251 miles; and

26 WHEREAS, he fostered the development of the most comprehensive traffic and incident  
27 management system in the world in time for the Centennial Olympic Games; and

1 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development of a unified transportation system in  
2 counties for nonemergency medical transportation as well as playing a key role in the  
3 purchase of transit coaches and bus related facilities for Georgia's major transit systems; and

4 WHEREAS, he challenged Georgia DOT personnel to reduce their single occupancy vehicle  
5 commute rate in the metropolitan Atlanta area by 20 percent for the entire smog season, and  
6 those employees surpassed their goal two years in a row; and

7 WHEREAS, his service as chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America,  
8 chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, and president  
9 of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the  
10 Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials gave Georgia great  
11 respect in the U.S. Congress and in the executive branch, and Georgia benefited financially  
12 therefrom; and

13 WHEREAS, given his many contributions to the State of Georgia it is the desire of the  
14 General Assembly to find a concrete expression for its gratitude, and it is only fitting and  
15 proper that he be recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication in serving  
16 the citizens of our great state.

## 17 **PART XXI**

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Rogers Youngblood was born in Banks County, Georgia, on  
19 May 2, 1927, and moved to the City of Madison in Morgan County, Georgia, when he was  
20 12 years old; and

21 WHEREAS, at the age of 17, he entered the Merchant Marines as a seaman for two years,  
22 returning to Morgan County in 1946 to begin his career with the Georgia Department of  
23 Transportation as a resident engineer; he later served as head of the Maintenance Department  
24 for the Georgia Department of Transportation in Morgan County; and

25 WHEREAS, he began his dairy operation and became a member of the Dairy Association  
26 in 1953, and he became director of the Morgan County Farm Bureau in 1955, a position he  
27 held until his retirement from the board in 2007; and

28 WHEREAS, he has served on the board of the American Dairymen Association and the  
29 board of DHIA and was recognized as the Soil Conservation Man of the Year and the  
30 Georgia Distinguished Cooperator; and

1 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted over 62 years to being a  
2 successful dairy farmer and an employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Mary Elizabeth Morris, and a devoted  
4 father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Youngblood has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
6 vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
7 his community and this state; and

8 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
9 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

## 10 **PART XXII**

11 WHEREAS, William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr., began working with the Georgia Department of  
12 Transportation in 1963, and he worked his way up the ladder from engineering aide to  
13 transportation engineer II; and

14 WHEREAS, he retired in 1996 after 34 years of faithful service, after which he worked with  
15 CPI Construction Company and Zel Engineers; and

16 WHEREAS, his first love in life was his family, his dear wife, Mary Alice, and his two  
17 daughters, and they were always on his mind, and his second love was fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was tragically killed by an unknown gunman a few days before  
19 Thanksgiving, 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, he is remembered in his community as a man of strong family values and moral  
21 fiber.

## 22 **PART XXIII**

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 GEORGIA that the portion of US 41 from West Paces Ferry Road to Moores Mill Road in  
25 Fulton County be dedicated as the Joel A. Katz Parkway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Route 98 in Madison County from the traffic light  
27 at the intersection with State Route 72 in the City of Comer to the traffic light at the



1 intersection with U. S. Highway 29 in the City of Danielsville is dedicated as the Jere Ayers  
2 Parkway.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of 40 years of service, the facility known  
4 as American Camellia Society Headquarters located in Fort Valley, Georgia, shall serve as  
5 the official state resource center for information and education on the horticultural aspects  
6 of the genus *Camellia* and the Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and  
7 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so designating said facility.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 80 located within the State of Georgia  
9 be dedicated as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, and the Department of  
10 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers in  
11 Columbus, Macon, and Tybee Island, Georgia, dedicating the Korean War Veterans  
12 Memorial Highway.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the interchange at the  
14 intersection of Interstates 16 and 95 in Chatham County as the Clarence Thomas Interchange.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of SR 81  
16 between its intersections with US 19/41 and SR 3, in Henry County, as the PFC Robert  
17 Adrian Worthington Memorial Highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Alapaha River on US 82 on the  
19 Berrien-Atkinson County line, is dedicated as the William Harvey Jewell, Sr. Memorial  
20 Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on SR 37 in  
22 Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Shellie W. Parrish Memorial Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on US 82/SR 520  
24 in Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Lucius Murphy Jacobs Bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on SR 125 in  
26 Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Virgil T. Barber Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at Cat Creek on SR 37 in Berrien County,  
28 Georgia, is dedicated as the Hubert F. Comer Memorial Bridge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 314 North running from its  
2 intersection with SR 85 and running northerly to the Fayette County line shall be dedicated  
3 as the General Bill Livsey Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over the CSX Railroad located in Rupert,  
5 Taylor County, Georgia, between mile markers North 5.3 and South 5.2 on US 19/SR 3 be  
6 dedicated as the SGT. William Morgan Callahan Memorial Bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 85 East between Manchester and  
8 Woodbury in Meriwether County, Georgia, be dedicated as the Leonard R. "Nookie"  
9 Meadows Memorial Highway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange on I-95 at the intersection with US 17  
11 at Exit 29, in Glynn County, be dedicated as the Corporal Michael Douglas Young Memorial  
12 Interchange.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 378 in Lincoln County, Georgia,  
14 between the city limits of the City of Lincolnton and the Wilkes County boundary, be  
15 dedicated as the James Roy "Pop" Lewis Memorial Highway.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 115 starting at its intersection with  
17 Emory Stephens Road and extending easterly to the White/Lumpkin County line is dedicated  
18 as the PFC David G. Bryan Memorial Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Lake Burton on US 76 be dedicated as  
20 the Bobby Staton Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the westbound lane of the westernmost bridge over the  
22 Alapaha River on SR 82 at the Atkinson and Berrien County line as the Cleon Baker  
23 McCranie Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange at I-85 and SR 316, in Gwinnett County,  
25 Georgia, is dedicated as the Wayne Shackelford Interchange.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on US 441 over Sandy Creek in Morgan  
27 County be dedicated as the Howard Rogers Youngblood Bridge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on State Route 104 at the Augusta Canal in  
2 Richmond County is designated as the William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr., Bridge.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
4 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
5 resolution.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to Joel  
8 A. Katz, to the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, to the American Camellia  
9 Society, to the Korean War veterans organizations within Georgia, to Justice Clarence  
10 Thomas, to the family of Robert Adrian Worthington, to the family of William Harvey  
11 Jewell, Sr., to the family of Shellie W. Parrish, to Lucius Murphy Jacobs, to Virgil T. Barber,  
12 to the family of Hubert F. Comer, to General Bill Livsey, to the family of Sergeant William  
13 Morgan Callahan, to the family of Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows, to the family of Corporal  
14 Michael Douglas Young, to the family of James Roy "Pop" Lewis, to the family of PFC  
15 David G. Bryan, to the family of Robert "Bobby" Carroll Staton, to the family of Cleon Baker  
16 McCranie, to Mr. Wayne Shackelford, to Mr. Howard Rogers Youngblood, and to the family  
17 of William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr.